GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:303
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2005
MILITANCY/INFILTRATION ON INDO-MYANMAR BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with the Government of Myanmar for the maintenance of peace and tranquility on the border areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether periodic meetings of the officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs with their counterparts are held as per the agreement signed by both the countries to check militancy/infiltration;

(d) if so, the details of the decisions taken in pursuance of such meetings and implemented so far; and

(e) the steps taken by both the Governments to implement the pending decisions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 303 REGARDING MILITANCY/INFILTRATION ON INDO-MYANMAR BORDER TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST 2005.

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of India and the Government of Union of Myanmar was signed on 21st January 1994 for maintenance of peace and tranquility along the India-Myanmar border. In terms of this MOU, the Governments of two countries have agreed, inter-alia, to take measures for preventing inadvertent violations of each other's territory by their security forces and to curb the activities of the insurgents and drug traffickers along the border.

(c) to (e): In pursuance of the aforementioned MOU, ten National Level meetings and thirteen Sectoral Level meetings between the two countries have been held so far. At these meetings, discussions were held, inter-alia, on issues relating to security, drug trafficking, boundary pillars, border trade, border movement and proposed infrastructure projects in Myanmar. The discussions at these meetings have helped both sides in appreciating each other's point of view on issues of mutual concern and have led to strengthening of cooperation between the two countries. Our concern about the presence of some Indian Insurgent Groups in Myanmar's territory and their activities in the North Eastern States had also been conveyed to the Government of Myanmar. The Government of Union of Myanmar have appreciated our concern and have expressed their commitment in ensuring that no part of Myanmar's territory is used for hostile activities against India.